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In the Yosemite Valley a while ago, a young fellow went out on the edge of a shelving precipice two thousand feet high, and balanced himself on his head. A little slip or little puff of wind would have sent him to eternity. Not one man in a million would be that kind of a fool. But nine men in ten are all the time taking foolish chances.

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IS IT SENATORIAL COURTESY?

There has certainly been something very mysterious in connection with the Senate's attitude towards the Sugar Scandal investigation. Readers of the OBSERVER will recall the suddenness with which the matter was dropped three years ago. It was after Vance had ranged himself, it may be remembered, on the side of the people as against the suspected Senators, and those who conducted the war against Vance, in North Carolina and in Washington, had ranged themselves on the other side. Under the new phase which the matter has assumed, the same mysterious influences appear to be put forth to stay the hand of real justice. We entirely agree with the New York World in its view that the public will not be satisfied unless Chapman, the recalcitrant witness, be forced to tell what he knows, or else be condemned to punishment of the most rigorous character.

Under our form of government, the people are the Sovereign and a United States Senator a mere servant. The majesty of our Sovereign has been grossly offended by this flippant stock-gambling procurer, and the ends of justice would be better served if he were hanged than if he should be let off with the nominal punishment which, it seems, is all that is to be inflicted upon him.

Says the World:

"It is not enough to punish Chapman. It is certainly not enough to inflict a purely technical punishment upon him which only advertises him as a perfectly safe broker for rascally Senators and corrupt public officials to deal with when they want to sell out their votes or their official authority for money. Chapman knows what Senators speculatively sold their votes to the Sugar Trust. He should be made to tell. The situation is intolerable to the country. It should be equally intolerable to the Senate and to every upright member of that body. As soon as this nominal imprisonment is over the Senate should send for Chapman again and again insist upon answers to its questions, and again and again punish him if he refuses. The Senate is continuous. So is Chapman's contempt of it. So should be its insistence upon his purgation of that contempt by full submission and frank answers to its questions. The important thing is to make him answer those questions."

It must be borne in mind that the information withheld by Chapman would convict certain Senators of speculating in stocks whose rise and fall in value was subject to their votes, at the time, in their capacity as trustees of the People's legislative power.

Timothy Bloodworth.

Correspondence of Wilmington Messenger.

Having seen in your columns some reference to Timothy Bloodworth of a nature to indicate that his memory has about faded from the recollection of the community, I have thought you might desire to publish the following about him:

"The opposition in the convention to the federal constitution was led by Willie Jones, Caldwell, T. Bloodworth, etc."

"Timothy Bloodworth, by no means the least among them, was one of the most remarkable men of that era, distinguished for the versatility of his talents and his practical knowledge of men, trades, arts and sciences. The child of poverty, diligence and ambition had supplied the place of patronage and wealth.

"Preacher, smith, farmer, doctor, watchmaker, wheelwright and politician. If his brain was the receptable of ideas somewhat ill assorted, and his learning so ill digested as sometimes to excite ridicule and expose him to the charge of quackery, his manifold services, his unheralded charities, his gentle offices, had been received by his neighbors as testimonials of a mission almost divine. In the social circle, good humored, gay and full of racy anecdotes, as a politician he was resolute almost to fierceness and almost radical in his democracy." (McRee's Life of Iradell.)

In 1786, Bloodworth was a member of the continental congress. In 1790 he was a member of the United States congress, and from 1795 to 1801 he was United States senator. I think he then became collector of customs at Wilmington, and filled that office for many years. He did not donate the land for the state capital at Raleigh; but offended his Cape Fear friends by giving the deciding vote in favor of Wake Court House against Fayetteville for the location of the state capitol.

He represented New Hanover in the legislature from 1778 until 1801, except in those years when he was in the federal congress. He was a parishioner of Rev. Dr. Tate, of South Washington.

Topics of To-Day.

Washington Post.)

In proportion as Mr. Cleveland's speech at the Reform club dinner is carefully studied, its arrogance and absurdity becomes apparent. * *

He seems to be incapable of recognizing sincerity, intelligence, virtue or courage in any measure or any leadership not inspired by himself. Here were two candidates, McKinley and Bryan. Bryan received 6,500,000 votes—nearly a million more than Cleveland himself received in 1892—while McKinley got a trifle over 7,000,000; yet Mr. Cleveland complacently informs the assembled mugwumps at the Reform club dinner that the 130,000 ballots cast by his followers last November saved the country from ruin and dishonor! * *

Then, again, Mr. Cleveland's reproaches, directed against the republican tariff policy, must appeal to every rational human being's sense of humor. What imaginable right had he to suppose that the republican leaders would change their traditional policy?

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"NO COMPROMISE," SAYS BRYAN.

Declares any Agreement Between the Regular and the Bolting Gold Democrats Would Be Disastrous to Success in 1900.

ANY ATTEMPT AT COMPROMISE WILL BE FUTILE.

Here is the full text of the letter which Mr. Bryan wrote, the other day, to the New York Journal on the vital subject of party loyalty:

LINCOLN, NEB., May 15, '97.

Editor the New York Journal:

I might reply to your inquiry by saying that there is now entire harmony within the Democratic party. The members of the party were never more united in purpose nor more zealous than at the present time. Neither is there lack of harmony among the bolting Democrats. They seem just as determined to carry out Republican policies as they were during the campaign. If, however, you mean by your question to ask whether there is any common ground upon which the two Democratic organizations can meet, I answer no.

Webster defines a party as a number of persons united in opinion and aiming to influence or control the action of the community. Agreement in opinion is the essential thing in a party. No lexicographer has yet defined a party to be a union of two hostile factions, each determined by the question which is paramount in the minds of the people.

WHERE THE PARTY IS SPLIT.

The regular Democrats in their last National Convention declared the money question to be the paramount issue. (The bolting Democrats, both in their minority report at Chicago and in their platform at Indianapolis recognized the money question to be a paramount issue. The regular Democrats announced their unalterable opposition to monometallism, describing it as an un-American and anti American financial policy. They demanded the restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. They declared that the silver dollar should be a legal tender equally with gold for all debts, public and private, and insisted that the government should retain the right to redeem coin obligations in either gold or silver. They also expressed themselves as emphatically opposed to a national bank currency.

The gold Democrats indorsed the gold standard, declared against the restoration of bimetallism by the independent action of this nation, and demanded the retirement of the greenbacks and Treasury notes.

The Democrats who supported the Chicago platform are now as firmly in favor of the position taken upon the money question as they were during the campaign. If any change has taken place their devotion has been increased rather than diminished.

NOTHING TO INDICATE A RECONCILIATION.

The adoption of the gold standard by Japan and Peru has increased the strain upon gold and emphasized the warnings uttered by the advocates of free silver during the campaign. There is nothing to indicate that the leaders among the gold Democrats feel any more kindly toward the regular organization than they did six months ago. In fact, it is only a few days since the most conspicuous bolters met at the Waldorf dinner, and not only paid homage to the golden image which they have set up, but breathed out threatenings and slaughter against the greenbacks and Treasury notes.

An attempt has been made in some quarters to push the tariff question to the front, but I do not think that this effort can be successful. The tariff question is no more important now than it was during the campaign, and it was not important enough then to keep the gold Democrats within the fold. To be sure, some of the gold Democrats are criticising the Dingley bill, but the moment the Republicans turn their attention to the money question all complaining will cease, and the gold Democrats will be found in the front ranks fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Republican leaders. If the Republicans attempt any further degradation of silver the gold Democrats will be their allies. If they attempt to retire the greenbacks and Treasury notes, directly or indirectly, they can rely upon the earnest co operation of the gold Democrats.

THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE OF 1900.

Both the regular Democrats and the gold Democrats know that the money question will be the paramount issue of 1900, and it is folly to expect that either branch of the party will give any material assistance to the representatives of the other branch while this great contest continues. Knowing that they will fight each other three years hence, is it reasonable to suppose that they can be political friends in the meantime?

When that gallant Democrat, Colonel Watt Hardin, was a candidate for Governor of Kentucky, two years ago, many gold Democrats would not support him because they feared that his election would strengthen the silver cause, and there is no evidence that the gold Democrats have lost any of their sensitiveness on this subject.

Is it probable that the silver Democrats will exert themselves to give political position and influence to men who will use their position and influence against bimetallism in the next great battle? When I say that political friendship is impossible between the regular Democrats and the bolters, I do not mean to say that there is, or ought to be, any personal hostility between the members of the two organizations.

CAN BE NO HARMONIOUS POLITICAL ASSOCIATION.

On the other hand, I affirm that there should be the broadest charity and tolerance. Republicans and Democrats have in the past mingled together in society and in business circles, although they have voted against each other at the polls. In like manner, there can be the friendliest personal relations between the regular Democrats and the bolters, but there can be no harmonious political association between them.

The regular Democrats and the bolters now have separate and distinct party organizations. No matter which is regarded as God and which as Mammon, no one can serve both. It is as impossible for a person to belong to both Democratic organizations as it is for a person to be both a Democrat and a Republican at the same time. No Democrat who believes that the gold standard is a conspiracy formed among the money changers for the enslavement of the producer of the wealth can act with the gold Democrats, and no gold Democrat who believes that the restoration of silver will ruin the country can act with the regular Democrats.

ANY ATTEMPT AT COMPROMISE WILL BE FUTILE.

If any who now believes in free coinage hereafter becomes converted to the gold standard, it will be an easy matter for him to transfer his allegiance to the bolting organization; if any who now believes in the gold standard becomes convinced of his error, the way is open for his return to the regular organization, but any attempt at compromise will not only be futile, but will be disastrous to the regular organization. Bimetallism can only be restored by affirmative action, therefore any compromise must be at the expense of the advocates of bimetallism

There can be no permanent peace, not even a truce, without a cessation of hostilities, and a cessation of hostilities means the preservation of existing conditions. In other words, harmony between the regular Democrats and the bolters means the maintenance of the gold standard as long as that harmony lasts.

HARMONY MEANS POTENCY TO GOLD DEMOCRATS.

Not only does harmony mean the temporary maintenance of the gold standard, but it gives to the gold Democrats a party standing which will make them more potent for evil in the next contest. Much of the harm which they did in 1896 grew out of the fact that they used the Democratic name for the purpose of deception.

If the bolting organization is left alone, it will be powerless to deceive by the time we enter upon another national contest. If, however, the two organizations patch up a temporary peace, the distinction between them will become to some extent obliterated, and the same fraud can be perpetrated in 1900 which was perpetrated in 1896.

The regular Democrats have everything to lose and nothing to gain by making concessions to those who desire to use the Democratic name without supporting the Democratic principles.

GOLD DEMOCRATS TIED TO TRUSTS.

I have only spoken of the difference which exists upon the money question. Next to the money question in importance is the question of trusts. Many of the gold Democrats are so tied up with the trusts and monopolies of the country that even if they were with us they would be an embarrassment rather than an aid to the position taken by the regular Democrats upon the money question, and the question of trusts is in harmony with the doctrine that the Government should guarantee equal rights to all and give special privileges to none, and it will not contribute to the ultimate success of the party to attempt to conciliate those whose instincts or business connections lead them to repudiate the fundamental Democratic principle, namely, equality before the law

The New English Dictionary

Wilmington Messenger.)

It is perhaps, thirty years or more since the great New English Dictionary—the monumental work of Great Britain—was begun. It has had three editions the first being the gifted Hartley Coleridge. Dr. Murray, a distinguished etymologist, is at the head now, and has been for perhaps twenty years. The work is stupendous. When completed it will cost probably $200 or even higher. Mr. Henry Frowde has lately published some interesting information regarding the progress of the work. Only five letters are finished up to now. Of these five there are 66,254 "main words," and rather more than 13,000 "subordinate words." Adding "special combinations," there are 89 591 words. Again, taking the total of main words, 47,786 of them are "current," 15,952 "obsolete," and the remainder "alien." In thirty years five letters have been exhausted. How long will it take to complete the huge work? It will not take as long for every five letters as it has taken, because there is a vast collection of material for all the alphabet. Probably A. D. 1910 will not see the work all done. The New York Evening Post, from which we get the above figures, adds: "Considering that twenty one letters of the alphabet are still ahead, Mr. Frowde's readers will not find it easy to form a conception of the richness of the English language."

List of Patents

Granted to Southern States Inventors this week, reported by C. A. Snow & Company Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C.:

M. L. Bacon, Memphis, Tenn., writing pad; A. L. Barthelemy, New Orleans, La., sugar drier and sifter; E. L. Chaffin, Helena, Ark., treating artificial dentures; P. H. Childress, Waynesborough, Va., burner attachment for lamps; B. DeWitt, Terra Alta, W. Va., electrical striking and alarm attachment for clocks; W. L. Dismukes, Nashville, Tenn., roller bearing; F. C. Goodwin, Louisville, Ky., rotary fluid meter; G. L. Gray, Mont, Ky., churn; J. B. Greiner, Jacksonville, Fla., motor; A. Hardesty, Pearceville, La., ditching machine; H. E. Hodgson, Norfolk, Va., attachment for pipe organs; H. Jacobs, Georgetown, S. C., fire escape; E. Kersten, Richmond, Va., bottle washer; S. M. Lawrence, Louisville, Ky., car axle box; G. W. LeCompte, Baltimore, Md., bridle-bit; E. H. McKay, Jacksonville, Fla., flushing apparatus for water closets; C. W. Page, Meridian, Miss., nut-lock; J. N. Schweikert, Newport, Ky., grater; S. H. Williams, Hornbeak, Tenn., broom-head; C. W. Ziegler, Ocean Springs, Miss., conveyor.

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Lumber Bridge Commencement.

We give below the programme of the Commencement exercises at the Lumber Bridge High School, which took place Thursday in the presence of a large concourse, at night running up to six or seven hundred. The writer, who had the good fortune to be present and to take part in the exercises, desires to say a word, now, concerning things there generally.

In the first place, it is evident that Prof. McArthur, (who, by the way, is a son of our excellent countyman, Capt. J. A. McArthur) has executive ability in a high degree, so well ordered are all the departments of his school and so well selected are his assistants, Miss Johnson, Miss McArthur, Miss Shaw, and Miss Council; and that he has maintained a school of high grade at a minimum of cost.

In the next place, the most inobservant person could not fail to be impressed with the character of the audience. Such quiet, such orderliness, such intelligent appreciation of what they saw and heard can only be found in the remarkable population which inhabits that and adjacent parts.

We shall later give an extended account of this interesting event, as we have not space for more to-day in our little paper—but meanwhile recording the writer's obligation to his excellent hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Neill Shaw and their daughters and son, and Mrs. Shaw's brother and sister, Mr. and Miss Little.

11 A. M.

Beethoven—Sonata Op. 49, G. Major—Pianoforte—Miss Mary S. McDonald.
Address—Maj. E. J. Hale, Fayetteville, N. C.

2 P. M.

Debate—"Which is the greater benefit to his country, the Warrior or the Statesman?"
Affirmative: Worth Shaw, James L. Gainey.
Negative: Walter Love, Alfred R. Autry.

8 P. M.

Chorus—Mermaid's Evening Song, Glover
Bellak—Faust from Gounod's Opera—Piano Duet—Misses Nettie Love and Bessie McArthur.
Declamation—The Power of the Sun, D. McDiarmid.
Heller—Saltarello Op. 77 Am & M—Pianoforte—Miss Mamie Malloy.
Declamation—True Manliness, Arthur Council.
Drill—Dutch Flirtation, Class of Girls.
Lassen—All Souls Day Op. 85—Song—Miss Emma Currie.
Declamation—True Glory of a Nation, Roy Council.
Motion Song—The Voyage, Class.
Mack—Santa Claus' March—C Major—Piano Duet—Misses Lollia and Elma Johnson.
Recitation—Boys Rights, Dan. Malloy.
Bendel—Improvs a on Brahms' Cradle Song—Pianoforte—Miss Mary S. McDonald.
Recitation—A Wonderful Duel, Worth Shaw.
Mack—Midnight Hour Waltz—Piano Duet—Misses Pauline Stamps and Lizzie Ausley.
Recitation—How He Whipped Bill, Charlie McNair.
Whipple—That Same Old Woman—Song—Miss Allie Malloy.
A Letter from an Irish Grandmother, D. M. Shaw.
Charade—Worth Shaw, James L. Gainey, Charlie McNair, Lacy McArthur, Roy Council, Lloyd Whitted, Fairley Ray, Pemberton Costes, Theodore Lockamy, Leslie McNair, and Alfred Autry.
Medley—Misses Carrie McEachern, Mary S. McDonald, Ellen Douglas Gainey, Nelia Shaw, Pauline Stamps, Mary Smith, Treva Malloy, Nettie Love, Annie Johnson, Etta Dunn, Ethel Ausley, Bessie Bullard, Katie Monroe, and Mamie Malloy.
Declamation—National Morality, D. McDiarmid.
C. Wels—Mattei, Grand Valse De Concert—Piano Duet—Misses Mamie Malloy and Carrie McEachern.
Chorus—Good Night, C. A. White, By the School.

F. M. A. Commencement.

Of the hundreds of invitations the OBSERVER has received to various Commencements this year, decidedly one of the handsomest and most appropriate is that of the Fayetteville Military Academy.

The following is the program of exercises:

Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. I. W. Hughes, Sunday, May 23rd, 8:30 P. M.
Military Day—Parade Ground, May 27th, 5:30 P. M. Competitive Battalion Drill; Company and Individual Contest for Medal.
Commencement, Opera House, Friday, May 28th 11 A. M. Contest for Essayists' Medal. Contest for Elocution Medal.

PHILOMATHEAN—VANCE.

Presidents—T. M. Green, J. H. Canady.
Secretaries—J. J. Crosswell, B. F. Huske.
Debaters—C. G. Rose, W. H. Dail, D. B. Nicholson, E. L. Fiers.
Question—Should all Nations and Races be equally eligible to Citizenship in the United States.
Essayists—M. W. Nash, I. A. Sugg, D. C. Watkins, J. C. Exum.
Declaimers—H. W. Nash, L. W. McPherson, J. H. Hamer, D. G. Fowle.
Marshals—F. J. Dawson, Chief; W. W. Sutton, C. E. Worrell, W. S. Prior, D. D. Grier, H. L. Myrover.
Friday Evening 8:30 o'clock, Contest for Debaters' and Declaimers' Medals.
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Dr. Hodges Again Honored.

Our former townsman and countryman, Dr. J. A. Hodges, is again meeting with honors from his college. The Evening Leader, of Manchester and Richmond, of Wednesday says:

Dr. J. Allison Hodges was elected proctor of the faculty of the University College of Medicine, at a meeting of that body held last night.

He was formerly corresponding secretary and has for some time past been professor of nervous and mental diseases in the college.

This promotion is a marked distinction for Dr. Hodges, whose rapid rise in his profession during his residence in the city has been remarkable. His success, however, has been due in a large measure to constant application and the exceptional advantage he enjoyed while studying medicine at the University of Virginia, in Northern schools, and in Europe.

The honor will be better understood when it is explained that within the four years of its existence, the University College of Medicine, of which Dr. Hunter McGuire is president, has acquired the distinction of being the second largest school of its kind in the South, ranking next to the Tulane University of New Orleans, a very large school.

The University College of Medicine is the only institution, literary or professional, in the South which had an increase in the number of students during the session of 1896 '97, the enrollment being 274.

The increase has been so great that it necessitated extensive additions, which in their entirety will cost $30,000.

Maj. James P. Robertson.

The Wilmington Messenger of recent date has the following about our excellent countyman Maj. James P. Robertson:

"Many of our citizens who remember the ante-bellum days of Wilmington were greatly pleased to meet on our streets during the past few days Major James P. Robertson of Cumberland, who was once a prominent leader of railroad affairs in Wilmington, as chief engineer and general superintendent of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company. Major Robertson assisted in the completion of this only link, at that time, between the north and south, which superseded the steamboat line between Wilmington and Charleston. His services continued in various capacities for more than fifteen years and terminated in 1864 on account of failing health which caused his retirement. Of remarkably fine presence, superior professional ability and Chesterfieldian address, he was most highly and universally esteemed by our people. Some of the subordinates in his office were Messrs. John C. Latta, William Pitts, William A. Walker, William L. DeRosset and John McLaurin. Only the last two survive.

"The major still bears himself with the old time courtesy and carries his 70 years lightly. This is his second visit to the old town in forty years, and he remarked to us yesterday that so great were the changes since his last visit that he found it difficult to get his bearings."

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Death at Clement.

Mrs. Ida J. Lane of Virginia, died at Clement at midnight Friday night, while on a visit to her father, Capt. J. L. Autry. She was a young lady and was only married about a year ago.

To her father and her young husband we extend our sincerest sympathy.

The funeral will take place tomorrow from Clement Baptist church.

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Meeting of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners met Thursday in special session with S. H. Cotton, Esq., in the chair and Messrs. Gainey and McFarland present.

Notice for the called meeting to consider sewerage question was read and ordered published on the minutes.

W. S. Hair, County Surveyor, was instructed to survey and furnish profile for the construction of a sewer to drain county property and present same to the Commissioners Tuesday, May 25th, at 12 M.

The sub committee appointed by the sewerage committee reported that they had an ordinance passed by the Town Aldermen authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to construct a sewer from the jail down Russell street to Dick street, thence down Dick street across Person street, thence down Cool Spring Lane, emptying into the creek below Cool Spring Mill.

Court House and Jail Flooded.

One of the waste pipes which carries off the water from the Court House and jail became clogged last night and in consequence two feet of water was found in the basements of the Court House and jail. It was at first suspected that the pipe had been tampered with, but this theory has been abandoned, though the plumbers have been unable to find out how the pipe became clogged. A force of hands are now at work pumping out the water.

Marriage of Editor Oates.

Our townsman, Mr. J. A. Oates, editor of the North Carolina Baptist, and Mrs. Emma Estelle Dodd, formerly of this city, were united in marriage Thursday at 10 o'clock at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Rev. H. A. Brown, at Winston. Mr. Brown performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Oates left immediately on a trip to Washington City and other points, and will not return here before the first of next month.

A Large New Business.

Messrs. L. B. Holt & Co., of Graham, have moved their large stock of goods to this city, and will conduct a retail dry goods and general merchandise business in the handsome Lilly building on Hay street, formerly occupied by Rose & Leak. Mr. M. F. Crawford, of Graham, is the Manager, and to him the OBSERVER extends a hearty welcome, wishing much success to the new enterprise.

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The A. D. McGill Law.

E. Williams, road overseer of Harrington Hill division, contracted with New Year Womble to clean out ditches on Ramsey street. Womble is charged with failing to comply with the contract after collecting part of the contract money. The case will be tried next week under what is known as the A. D. McGill law and is the first case to be tried under this statute in this county.

Death at St. Paul's.

Mrs. Nettie Johnson, daughter of the late James McNatt, Esq., and sister-in-law of Mr. Neill McNeill, died Friday night at her home in St. Paul's, Robeson county.

The deceased lady leaves two sons and one daughter.

The funeral will take place at Spring Hill, Richmond county, at 4 p. m. tomorrow.

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Aberdeen Man Shot.

A special to the Raleigh News and Observer says that a Frenchman named Levitt was found near the railroad there Thursday with a bullet through his head. He was conscious and said he was shot by one of two negroes who assaulted him. The men were arrested and are now in jail at Rockingham. Levitt will probably die.

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To Have His Leg Amputated.

Ben Tew an old colored man makes his home in the county jail at present. He sleeps in one of the cells at night, eats breakfast next morning, and is then at liberty to go where he chooses. The old man is the guest of the county, pending the amputation of his leg which will be performed by Dr. McGougan, the county physician, in a few days. The foot was amputated from the leg twenty years ago, but recently the stump has festered, and it is a question whether Tew will live under the operation.

Miss O'Daniel to Teach in South Carolina.

Miss Lottie O'Daniel of this city, has been elected by the trustees, a teacher in the graded school at Abbeyville, S. C. Miss O'Daniel is an accomplished young lady and the graded school of Abbeyville is fortunate in securing her services.

"Little Reb."

Judge Farrar, "Little Reb," will deliver his inimitable lecture at the F. I. L. I. Armory Tuesday night, for the benefit of the firemen's fund.

Polk Miller says that Farrar beats him (Polk Miller) all to "hollow."

MANY THINK!

when the Creator said to woman, "In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children," that a curse was pronounced against the human race, but the joy felt by every Mother when she first presses to her heart her babe, proves the contrary.

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(From Monday's Daily Edition.)

NORTH CAROLINA AT APPOMATTOX.

We copy an article from the Raleigh News and Observer giving Mr. H. A. London's views in opposition to the claim that North Carolina had more than half of the 7,800 arms-bearing men who surrendered at Appomattox. We have great respect always for Mr. London's views. He has several times shown himself to be a careful collector of historical data. This, however, we think, is a case of Homer nodding.

A little calculation under the rule of three will show the inappositeness of the figures given. Thus: As 28 thousand (the total number paroled at Appomattox, arms bearers, non arms bearers, teamsters, stragglers and all) is to 78 hundred (the total number of arms bearers from all the States, paroled), so is 5 thousand (the total number of North Carolinians paroled) to the number of arms-bearing North Carolinians paroled—viz: 14 hundred, according to the rule.

As no one will suggest, we think, that 14 hundred represents the number of arms-bearing North Carolinians who surrendered at Appomattox, another explanation of the figures adduced must be sought. It is an explanation which was well known to this writer at the time of the surrender and be supposed to others, and which we will give in to morrow's issue.

NORTH CAROLINA AT APPOMATTOX.

Raleigh News and Observer.]

Editor London Says It Is a Mistake to Say That One Half of the Muskets Surrendered Were From This State.

Mr. H. A. London, editor of the Chatham Record, who has been in the city attending the Convention of the Episcopal church, calls our attention to a statement that appeared in his paper last week Mr. London left college to enter the army, was a brave soldier lad, and is jealous for the honor of his State. He knows whereof he affirms. We quote:

"The part taken by North Carolina in the war between the States is justly a source of pride to her citizens, and the Record has contributed no little in perpetuating in permanent form her Confederate history. Because of this we take the liberty of correcting an error that is frequently being published, and our attention is just now called to it by its being incorporated in a very interesting and valuable compendium of 'North Carolina's share in the civil war' prepared by Superintendent Howell for the graded schools of Raleigh, and published some days ago in the News and Observer.

"We refer to the statement that,

'At Appomattox one half of the muskets surrendered were from North Carolina troops.'

"This is an error. The official 'Statement of officers and men of the Confederate Army paroled at Appomattox, Court House' gives a total of 28,234, of which number 5,002 were North Carolinians. See pages 1277 to 1279 of Vol. XLVI. of the 'Official Records' and also pages 696 to 699 of 'Memoirs of Robert E Lee' by Gen. A. L. Long, his military secretary. It is true that Gen. Lee, in his last report of April 12th, 1865, states that 'On the morning of the 9th, according to the reports of the Ordnance officers, there were 7,892 organized infantry with arms,' and yet Gen. Lee on the morning of the 9th asked for and received from Gen. Grant rations for 25,000 men. In explanation of this Gen. Long (on page 425 of his Memoirs) says:

'It will be noticed that a large seeming discrepancy exists between the 10,000 here mentioned as effective, and the 28 231 men and officers paroled. It will be also observed that General Lee asked for rations for 25,000 men. This difference is easily explainable. Of effective infantry, with arms and in fighting condition, there were less than 8,000, and about 2,000 cavalry. The remainder of the paroled men were composed of unarmed stragglers who had come up since the halt of the army, and to extra duty and detailed men of every description, the sum of whom very greatly swelled the aggregate present, while adding nothing to the fighting capacity of the army.'

"So that, while of the 28,231 Confederates paroled at Appomattox only 5,002 were North Carolinians, we cannot claim that 'one half the muskets surrendered were from North Carolina troops,' when the total number of muskets was only 7,892. For instance, one of our very best Brigades was Lane's which is reported as paroling 570 men at Appomattox, and yet Gen. Lane in his last report (dated April 10th, 1865) stated, 'I surrendered 56 officers and 484 men, many of the latter being detailed non arms bearing men, who were sent back to be surrendered with their brigade.'

"If claims are made for North Carolina's troops that cannot be substantiated, it throws doubt upon those that can be proved, and of the latter there are enough to thrill with patriotic pride every true North Carolinian."

(From Tuesday's Daily Edition.

NORTH CAROLINA AT APPOMATTOX—CONTINUED.

As our friend of the Chatham Record has particularized Lane's Brigade, we may be pardoned for a somewhat detailed statement.

The writer brought away from Appomattox the Head Quarters desk of Lane's Brigade, and in 1867 and again in 1868-9 made sundry summaries of figures from the records therein for General Lane's use in his numerous and remarkably able controversies (with Mahone and others) in behalf of North Carolina troops. It is probable that General Lane has the precise figures representing the number of "detailed non arms-bearing" men who were returned to the brigade on the 9th of April, 1865, to be surrendered with it. We shall submit this to him with a request for information on that point.

The desk itself containing the original records was left in Fayetteville when the writer went abroad in 1885, but (as in the case of some of the OBSERVER files) he has not been able to find it since his return.

Meanwhile, in the absence of the precise figures referred to, we would call attention to the difference between the term used by General Lane to describe his non arms-bearers (viz: "detailed non-arms bearing men"—he does not say "stragglers," and this writer's recollection is that there were none), and that employed by General Long in the quotation from his Memoirs made by the Chatham Record (viz: "The remainder of the paroled men [18 thousand] were composed of unarmed stragglers who had come up since the halt of the army, and of extra duty and detailed men of *every description.*")

The italics are ours. The writer had, in the winter of 1864, remarked to a friend (who was not in the army) that there was not, and, since the close of that year's campaign, there had not been over 30 thousand men of all arms, fit for duty, guarding the 49 miles of breastworks that held Lee's army and that extended from the extreme right, West of Petersburg, to the extreme left, North-east of Richmond. His friend received the statement with incredulity, the popular impression being that the number exceeded that named very greatly. The writer felt sure of the correctness of his estimate, because he had been receiving every morning the report of his own brigade's strength, and, as he also knew the number and character of the other brigades in the army, it was not difficult to make the estimate. Just after the surrender, he recited the foregoing incident to one of General Lee's staff officers, in General Lane's presence, and received an almost literal confirmation of his estimate, the number mentioned by the staff officer referred to being 29 thousand. It is reasonably certain that considerably less than this number (that is, of the fighting men fit for duty) started on the retreat from Petersburg on the night of April 2nd. For there were heavy losses in the battles along the whole line that day, as there had been in Gordon's movement East of Petersburg a short while before, and in the fighting on the right in the day or two preceding; while, after the retreat was entered upon, the seven days' daily battles left a trail of dead, wounded and missing behind.

The 8 thousand of arms bearers, therefore, who were found with the colors on the last day, was a fine showing for the 29 thousand of whom they were the survivors.

2 thousand being allowed for the cavalry, where did the remainder of the 28 thousand paroled come from? that 18 thousand whom General Long describes as "unarmed stragglers and extra duty and detailed men of *every description.*"?

The matter of the 25 thousand rations was a subject of conversation at the various head quarters which this writer had communication with during the stay at Appomattox after the preliminary surrender, and it was generally understood, so far as his recollection goes, that the bulk of the extra 18 thousand were the aggregate of the odds and ends of the great semi military establishment which the (then abandoned) Capital of the Confederacy would naturally have contained. Of such an establishment, the State in which the Capital was situated would naturally supply far more than its proportion, whether rated by population or by its contribution to the 29 thousand of fighting men who had manned the 49 miles of trenches before the retreat.

We have neither the official records nor a copy of General Long's Memoirs at hand, and write entirely from memory. But we think that we have made it plain—by the use of the figures supplied by our contemporary, in conjunction with the figures (29 thousand) supplied by us as the total of fighting men in the trenches, and whose accuracy or inaccuracy, as the case may be, it will be easy to ascertain—that North Carolina did not furnish her proportionate share, by a great deal, of the 18 thousand non arms bearing ration drawers.

The fact that we surrendered, in round numbers, 8 thousand fighting men at Appomattox has been always a distinct recollection with this writer and often referred to by him. That much of his recollection was confirmed when the official figures were given from the records at Washington a year or so ago. His recollection of the number of North Carolinians surrendered was, in round numbers, 6 thousand. The official figures show nearer five thousand than six. We suppose that those who, like him, have been in the habit of thinking that North Carolina surrendered from a half to three quarters of all the arms bearing men surrendered, brought away substantially the same impression. And we believe that a careful polling of the different North Carolina brigades, through their surviving commanders or adjutants general, will sustain the impression, just as the claim so often made by certain of our people that the State supplied a fifth of all the armies of the Confederacy and far more than her share of killed and wounded has been so completely sustained by the tardy official figures.

We are glad the matter has been brought up, for it is a proud heritage for any State if it can make even a respectable showing of those who were faithful to the end; and we hope that the necessary steps may be at once taken to settle it.

In our hastily written article, yesterday, which was cut short by the necessity for closing the "form" at the moment, we spoke of Mr. London as several times a careful collector of historical data. We should have said "a number of times," and have added, "and a lucid and cogent expositor of the results of his researches."

The Annexation of Texas

Correspondence of the Observer.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 24, 1897.

Mr. Editor:

Historic justice demands the widest publicity of the enclosed article from the Washington Post of the 7th inst., together with letter referred to addressed to my father, Gen. Thomas. J. Green, by his friend ex-President Tyler. Whilst not disposed to detract in any wise from the part taken by President Polk in the great, I might add incalculable work of Texan annexation, simple justice demands that the credit for that achievement should be given to whom it properly belongs, his immediate predecessor, John Tyler, of Virginia.

Side by side with Mr. Jefferson's purchase of Louisiana, stands in magnitude, if not transcending in importance, this acquisition of Territory spanning a continent and uniting the two great oceans.

The man who wrote this wondrous work should not be cheated of the credit of it. In his day and generation few men have ever been more maligned than this true man, great statesman and sterling patriot for clinging to proclaimed and life long convictions instead of renouncing these at the *unwarranted* dictation of party behest. He was a States-Rights man, well known to be from his swaddling clothes to his winding sheet. In that behoof he dared to lock horns with Andrew Jackson, and that proved him a brave man, as his after course abundantly established. Consistent he was through good and evil report. But to recur, he was the father and lacking a few days, the consummator of "Annexation." Any executive may well base it's claim to glory upon one such single measure. The principal contributor to the most Federalistic work that we have ever met with, "Lalor's Cyclopedia of Political Science," ect., accords him thus much: "He retired from politics in 1845 having *completed* the annexation of Texas," *verb sap.*

WHARTON J. GREEN.

Here is the article referred to above, and taken from the Washington (D. C.) Post of May 17, 1897:

JUSTICE TO PRESIDENT TYLER.

He, Instead of Polk, Fought for the Admission of Texas.

A Virginian writes the Post as follows:

"In your issue of May 10 I observe a notice of the fourth volume of the 'Messages and Papers' of the Presidents. You quote from the preface to the volume of reference to the Tyler administration: 'The treaty of annexation between the United States and the republic of Texas was negotiated, but was rejected.' Immediately succeeding occurs the sentence: 'During the administration of President Polk Texas was finally annexed to the United States, Texas, Iowa, and Wisconsin were admitted into the Union,' &c. Making all the allowance necessary for the nativity of Hon. James D. Richardson, of Tennessee, the compiler of these interesting volumes, as a Virginian, I am not disposed to accord to Mr. Polk or Tennessee the credit which properly belongs to another President and another State. It is true that the treaty for annexing Texas was rejected by the Senate in 1844, but the then President, John Tyler, brought the matter before Congress, and that body, as is well known, before his term was out, passed joint resolutions for the annexation of Texas. Mr. Polk was only called upon to approve certain forms and had absolutely nothing to do with the measure, which originated with a Virginia President and was a Virginia measure. Tyler made the proposition at the beginning of his term, and, though roundly abused for it, carried it through. When the Texas Senators took their seats in Congress, it was in pursuance of the terms of joint resolutions passed March 1, 1845, four days before Polk came in. I entirely agree with Mr. Richardson in his appreciation of the annexation of Texas, which in its results advanced the United States to 'a continental power of assured strength and boundless promise.' I think, however, that if this be so, it is well to ascribe the credit to the proper person.

"The following hitherto unpublished letter from President Tyler himself places the case before the historian pretty strongly:

To Gen. Thomas J. Green:

Sherwood Forest, Feb. 28, 1856.

Dear General: I take occasion now to thank you for your kind reference to me in your remarks at the Richmond dinner. It would be indeed strange if my enemies could deprive me of the credit of having annexed Texas to the Union. I presented the question; urged it first in the form of a treaty to the Senate; met the rejection of that treaty by a prompt and immediate appeal to the House of Representatives; fought the battle before the people, and conquered its two formidable adversaries (Henry Clay and Martin Van Buren), with their trained bands, and two days before my term expired, adopted and enforced the alternate resolutions under which Texas took her place amid the fraternity of States. My successor did nothing but confirm what I had done.

Nor is that all. Texas drew after it California. So I may well claim that in regards to that whole subject Mr. Polk was my administrator de bonis non. True, I would not have negotiated a treaty of peace without settling the slave question in that treaty—the omission to do which was a great blunder. Of this I will talk to you when I see you. Accept the assurances of my constant esteem.

JOHN TYLER."

Recent Struggles for Liberty(?)

Correspondence of the Observer.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Mr. Editor:

"You have the Pyrrhic dance as yet,
Where is the Pyrrhic phalanx gone?
Of two such lessons, why forget
The nobler and the manlier one?
You have the letters Cadmus gave—
Think ye he meant them for a slave?"

So sang the gifted Byron when in a spirit of Troubadour chivalry he placed his life and fortune on the altar of Hellenic liberty. The effort for national rebirth, if *effort* it was, proved to be a most lamentable *fiasco.* One such life as his, were worth a thousand of the paltry total *immolated* in that melodramatic struggle for State autonomy. "*Outnumbered*" was the puling pretext set up by "the stage heroes" of that day to excuse or extenuate the mock heroics and puerile make believe for national independence. Outnumbered they possibly were by odds of two or three to one. We have somewhere read, that the grandfathers of those *Pyrrhic dancing* warriors were likewise *outnumbered* on a previous occasion not by the paltry odds named, but with two or three cyphers tacked to tail of odds to make the disparity respectable and to palliate the shame of failure in dealing with Barbarians. Thermopylæ tells likewise of the disparity of loss. Traditional—on the Greek side 299 out of 300. That looks like a respectable little skirmish. But suppose the ratio of loss had been reversed, or to make it plain, suppose the 299 heroes had taken to their heels and ran away like sheep or scared rabbits and the one odd fellow had been killed by a chance Parthian arrow, does any one suppose that Leonidas would ever have been named seven days after?

The farcical revolution of that day, suggests an analagous one on the same ground and between same contending parties in ours. Only a few short weeks ago the world was roused into a state of generous sympathy and wild enthusiasm by the mad resolves both published and stump delivered of those *doughty* sons of *undoubted* sires. By proclamation and a blowing of horns, Salamis and Marathon were to be eclipsed, and the Infidel hosts of the Turk to meet a like fate as did the barbaric and untold legions of the Persian. A few incipient skirmishes at *long range* with big numbers engaged on either side, and then wild panic, rivalling Bull Run, outlines the tale of modern Grecian effort, after all this fanfaronade of dynamic intent.

The King whom they lately rallied around with hurrahs and hullabaloos owing to his heroic stand, is now the scape goat of runagate scullions, who scullion like, would fain fix exclusive blame upon the head. It's an old time trick to excuse individual or legionary cowardice.

There has been a similar struggle for "Liberty" going on at our very threshold this some time past. "Hereditary tyrants" on the one side and rose water patriots on the other. After years of so called struggle between the two it's hard to draw the line of sympathy, which side has done most hurt and least good to that suffering island it is hard to say. It matters not which side wins in a desultory skirmish dubbed a battle, the whole surrounding country is devastated and plantations and villages swept out of existence. The fighting is of "the Froude" order. The report of a single battle in the recent past occurs to mind, head lined in this wise:

"A terrific battle lasting all day, 2,500 on the Insurgent side, 3,300 on the Spanish. The latter retire (presumptively playing the "Spanish Retreat"). Loss on the Patriot side *three* killed and *five* wounded!" They call that war.

It's not the sort that Anglo Saxons have been wont to wage these thousand years bygone. Some there be who remember a specimen of it a generation ago. But dead nations and dead national spirit is rarely or never resuscitated—about as rarely as dead heroes.

Isn't it about time to have done with fulsome gush and maudlin sympathy? Let's await results.

W. J. G.

The Goldbugs at Charlotte.

Webster's Weekly.

The gold Democrats who bolted Mr. Bryan's nomination last year professed to be desirous of co operating with the regular Democrats in keeping State and local affairs in clean and capable hands. We have never believed they were sincere in that particular any more than they were in saying they would abide by the action of the national convention before it met. They did not, in their hearts, desire to see Cy Watson elected Governor, for they knew the whole power of his administration would be directed toward breaking up the trusts that are operating in North Carolina. Scratch a goldbug and you will find a man who believes in trusts. Free silver is not what they are afraid of, but it is good old-fashioned Democracy they fear.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Charlotte tried to placate this element in the recent municipal contest in that city. They went into the primaries, and failing to carry the day, bolted. Mr. Weddington, the Democratic nominee, was defeated at the polls by a combination of bolters and negroes. Money was spent like water. The Charlotte News says of the contest on election day:

"We sincerely hope that our city will never be called upon to pass through another such contest as this. It has done us harm, and will leave its stain upon the morals of our community. The lowest elements in our social structure have been appealed to. Men were bought and sold at so much apiece. The price ranged from $1 to $25. At times the bidding was spirited. Voters would run back and forth from the friends of one candidate to the other to see if they could sell for a higher price."

Free silver was not the issue in this contest. The element that bolted Mr. Bryan's nomination bolted Mr. Weddington's candidacy for the same reason, to-wit: because they could not have their own way. They are loyal when it suits their convenience and will not take their chances like the rest of us. Such is the logical fruit of Clevelandism.

The Democratic party is wasting time in trying to conciliate this element in local affairs. Their hearts are with the Republicans and we are opposed to buying them back. The man to whom the principles of Zeb Vance and William J. Bryan are an offence has no business in a Democratic convention.

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Lumber Bridge High School.

Correspondence of the Observer.

The closing exercises of Lumber Bridge High School last Wednesday were the more satisfactory in important particulars than any one can recall in the history of this now well established and widely known institution. We would interest your readers by adverting to some of them. In the first place the day was what we call a perfect one. Rain had fallen on every closing day of the school for a series of years. It is not difficult to imagine how elated the hearts of the student body were as they looked upon cloudless skies and could hear of no sign of rain.

The open weather made the way clear for a large crowd. It came. Older people say no such crowd had been here on such an occasion before. As remarkable as the crowd was for its size it was even more so for its quality. It was a noble folk that made it. The sturdy Scotch of the surrounding country came and brought their families and their baskets of edibles for a whole day outing. But this was not all. An unprecedented number of visitors were present from a distance. Manly, Aberdeen, Manchester, Maxton, Red Springs, Lumberton, Wilson, Wilmington, Blader, and last but not least a large and highly appreciated representation from Fayetteville.

There was another remarkable fact about the occasion. Though the crowd was so large the order might have been called perfect. It was like a meeting for Divine worship. Of course no one who is acquainted with the community would expect any other than the best deportment by its own people. Drinking, profanity and all forms of rowdyism are intolerable evils in the sight of the people. For this reason rowdies from a distance know too well their fate if they should appear here with such conduct.

Another striking feature of the gathering was the large number of lovely young ladies who came and added beauty to the scene by their presence.

Another matter which arrested the attention of all was the neatness and shortness, yet completeness of the programme. It is so often the case that the crowds on such occasions are really fatigued by the sheer length of the exercises.

The scholars did well. All in all it was a highly creditable performance. Faithful and scholarly work had been done was patent to all. The amount of it only those who knew the point started from with the pupils can tell. We know great progress had been made by most of the pupils. Principal McArthur may well feel encouraged at the result as he sees it as well as by the satisfaction of the patrons of the school at the work done.

[Here follows a eulogium upon the editor of the OBSERVER and his address, which, if our correspondent will permit us, we will omit, for modesty's sake.]

The school will open September 5th, and indications point to a larger patronage than ever before.

ALIQUIS.

The Eastern Tangle.

New York Journal

The Sultan is convinced at last that Europe does not intend to allow him to overrun and despoil Greece, and he has sulkily consented to a suspension of hostilities. The powers have given evidence that the limit of their patience, whose existence has been a matter of doubt until now, has been reached. They will not tolerate the annexation of Thessaly, or of any Christian settlement, by Turkey.

This decision is creditable to their hearts, if not to their heads. There is no logical reason for objecting to the subjugation of Christians on one side of an imaginary line while insisting upon it on the other. There is no essential distinction between Thessaly and Epirus. Both are Greek provinces by race, religion and history. Both were subject to Turkey twenty years ago. Both were promised to Greece by the Treaty of Berlin. The promise was eventually carried out in the case of Thessaly and broken in that of the greater part of Epirus. The powers now say that it is equally inadmissible for Greece to try to give liberty to Epirus and for Turkey to re-enslave Thessaly.

There are more Greeks under Ottoman rule than there are in the kingdom of Greece. If it be right to keep them in subjection to Turkish barbarism, as the fleets of Europe are ready to join in doing whenever they show a disposition to free themselves, why is it wrong for the Sultan to restore his rule over the rest of the race, in Thessaly and even in Athens? What magic is there in the line of 1881 which entitles the Hellenes within it to immunities denied to those outside?

European diplomacy has tangled itself in an inextricable snarl on the Eastern question. In dispensing with all morality and all logic it has put itself in a position from which there is no way out that does not involve humiliating admissions. It would be a source of satisfaction to normally constituted people throughout the civilized world if it should turn out that the "high politics" of the diplomats who pride themselves on their intellectual superiority to considerations of sentiment had emanated from the diseased brain of an imperial lunatic.

LATEST NEWS.

In Chicago a man shoots himself and falls from the thirteenth story of the chamber of commerce building.——The president nominates Edwin H. Conger, of Iowa, to be minister to Brazil.——The export of merchandise from New York for the past week amounted to $10,127,166.——Three members of the Rowland Reed Company secure verdicts against the Southern railroad for damages in an accident.——John T. Shepard, a lawyer of Washington City, commits suicide.——The trial of Havemyer, president of the sugar trust, on indictment for refusing to answer questions of the senate committee was begun yesterday.

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The Fayetteville Boys and the "Maxton Kids."

The Maxton correspondent of the Robesonian has the following account of why Fayetteville and Maxton failed to meet on the diamond:

The "Maxton Kids," a base ball club composed of our small boys, have blood in their eyes for the team at Fayetteville. Last Thursday they were to play the Fayetteville boys at Red Springs and, with a determination to do or die, they boarded the train for the Springs and on arriving what was their surprise to find no one to play them. They stood around and discussed the advisability of going to Fayetteville on an investigating tour when a messenger handed them a telegram from the Fayetteville team with this short sentence and nothing more: "We don't play no one-horse team." We advise the Fayetteville boys to keep shy of the "Maxton Kids" or trouble may follow.

Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair,
While in Lowell was Doctor Ayer;
Both were busy for human weal
One to govern and one to heal.
And, as a president's power of will
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were designed to supply a model purgative to people who had so long injured themselves with griping medicines. Being carefully prepared and their ingredients adjusted to the exact necessities of the bowels and liver, their popularity was instantaneous. That this popularity has been maintained is well marked in the medal awarded these pills at the World's Fair 1893.

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A New County Seal.

The county commissioners Tuesday passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That a corporate seal for the county of Cumberland, N. C. be and is hereby adopted of the following description: It shall be circular in form with the words "County of Cumberland" around the upper circumference and the word "Seal" in the centre. The clerk is hereby instructed to file a certified copy of this resolution and an impression of such seal with the clerk of the Superior court and with the Secretary of State of N. C.

The New Bonds.

There will be ninety of the new county bonds; 87, one thousand dollars each and three one hundred dollars each. They will run 20 years from June 1st, 1897 and draw 5 per cent interest, payable semi-annually.

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Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills

Early Potatoes.

We saw Irish potatoes Tuesday morning as large as good sized apples, grown by Maj. W. F. Campbell. Maj. Campbell has been eating potatoes from his garden for two weeks.

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Hon. Jno. McLaurin Senator.

Fayetteville people who know Hon. Jno. McLaurin, "curley-haired Johnnie," of Bennettsville, present congressman, will rejoice to learn that the Governor of South Carolina has decided to appoint him Senator to succeed the late Senator Earle.

Colored Excursion.

An excursion passed through Monday morning going from Wilmington to Greensboro, only a few colored people boarded the train here, and it pulled out of the station with but ninety odd passengers.

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Salem Female Academy Commencement.

Salem, N. C., is just now in the midst of her gala time, this being Commencement week at her time honored institution.

Salem Female Academy, which in its long history of close on one hundred years has turned out fifteen thousand educated women, scattering them all over this great land of ours to brighten the homes and teach the people wherever they have made their dwelling place.

Many of our country's noted women have been educated here, prominent among them being the wife of President Polk and the wife and the daughter of Gen. Stonewall Jackson.

This commencement runs over the days from Friday evening May 21st, to Wednesday 26th, and it requires all this time to give any adequate expression to the large number of pupils in the various lines of general and special study included in the school curriculum.

Police News.

Officer Maultsby went over the river last week to arrest Chas. McLaurin, charged with an assault, with attempt to kill, on Duncan West. When McLaurin caught sight of "Long John" he started off like a deer, but the constable was nothing daunted, for he is a match for most any one at sprinting as well as with a revolver, and he started in hot pursuit; after several miles chase over fields and through swamps, and just as he was perceptibly gaining ground, the man disappeared, and search as he might, the officer could not find a trace of the fugitive. It has since been learned that McLaurin was in South Carolina.

The Baccalaureate Sermon.

St. John's church was filled to overflowing, Sunday night, by an appreciative congregation who gathered to hear the Baccalaureate Sermon by the Rector, the Rev. Isaac W. Hughes, to the Corps of Cadets of the Fayetteville Military Academy. Although the Commencement proper of this excellent school does not take place until Thursday, the sermon last night must be considered as the beginning of the exercises which culminate then.

Most of the pews in the North section of the middle rows were set apart for the cadets, who attended in fatigue uniform.

Mr. Hughes appropriately chose for his text this verse from the Psalms of David:

"How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word."

It would require the printing of the full text of the Reverend gentleman's eloquent sermon to do it justice. Suffice it to say that, after a striking and picturesque description of the shepherd boy David slaying the bear and then the lion in defense of his flock and later winning victory for Israel by vanquishing the giant Goliath in single combat, the gifted young preacher pointed to the subsequent career of the King of Israel as the harmonious result of such noble beginnings, and with many passages of true eloquence and pathos, exhorted his youthful hearers to bear ever in mind the conditions of such royal success: Diligence, courage, diligence, patience, temperance and hard work, and then crowned with the supreme attribute, goodness.

Many were the expressions of commendation of the preacher's fine effort which were heard as the close of the services released the tongues of the auditors.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., MAY 27, 1897.

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A new iron fence has been built around the Brookside, colored, cemetery.

Mount Airy is to be a dry town no longer, the people have voted for the sale of whisky.

The new railroad station to be erected at Maxton will be built and used jointly by the Carolina Central and C. F. & Y. V. railroads.

Messrs. Thompson and Fix, having sold out their entire stock of millinery and racket goods, they will devote their entire time to the undertaking business.

Mr. J. M. Klapp has purchased the stock of millinery and racket goods from Messrs. Thompson and Fix, and has moved into the store on the corner of Person and Dick streets two doors below Mike Folb.

Rev. B. R. Hall Dangerously Ill.

Rev. B. R. Hall was stricken dangerously ill at his residence on the east side of the river Tuesday with apoplexy, and is now in a precarious condition.

The Republican Organ Fails.

The office of the Raleigh Tribune, the Republican organ, published at Raleigh, was seized by the Sheriff Tuesday. It is said that the paper will never appear again. This paper was started on January 9th last. Raleigh, like Fayetteville, is certainly a newspaper graveyard.

The Cotton Growers' Convention

The Governor received a letter Saturday from the Governor of Texas, informing him that a Convention of Cotton Growers will be held in the city of Galveston on August 2nd, and requesting the appointment of eleven delegates from this State—one from each of the nine Congressional districts and two from the State at large.

A Good Outlook

The growing crops of this section are in splendid condition and barring a drought, the harvest will be abundant. The fruit, grape and berry crops promise to be the best in several years.

If only a fair price can be obtained for the products of the soil this summer and fall, our farmers will be able to meet all obligations and have a small surplus.

Phœnix Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting last week:

W. P. Wemyss, H. P.
E. P. Powers, King.
C. W. Elliott, Scribe.
R. M. Nimocks, Treasurer.
B. E. Sedberry Secretary.
T. T. McGilvery, R. A. C

The appointable officers will be announced at the meeting next Wednesday night.

The New Schedule.

The new schedule which goes into effect on the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad Sunday next, is a very sweeping one in every respect, except as to the Bennettsville division. This train leaves twenty minutes later in the afternoon and arrives from Bennettsville twenty minutes earlier in the morning. This will give visitors from that section an hour longer to stay in Fayetteville and will prove a great convenience to many.

Prisoners Released.

Nathaniel Buie, having served the sentence imposed upon him for an assault, was released from the county prison Tuesday.

Sam Evans, charged with the burglary of Betsy Young's house, gave bond and was released from jail Tuesday.

Commencements.

This is commencement week at the Salem Female Academy, the exercises closing on Thursday the 27th.

The commencement exercises of the Thompson School and Business College at Siler City, take place Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 30th, 31st, and June 1st. Hon. C. H. Mebane delivers the address at noon on Tuesday June 1st.

Meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance.

The Board of Audit and Finance, all present, held the first meeting for the new term, May 14th. They audited and approved the following bills amounting to $105.10:

Fayetteville Electric Light and Gas Company,	$52 85
Fayetteville Printing and Publishing Company,	7 25
W. G. Hall, Election Expenses,	27 50
J. W. Faircloth, Cemetery Expenses,	17 50

The Treasurer's report was audited and found correct, showing a balance of $80.77 on hand May 8th, 1897.

The chairman submitted his annual report of the proceedings of the past fiscal year. The Board recommends that 1500 copies of the same be printed and that each alderman be requested to circulate the same among his constituents.

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Special Meeting of the County Commissioners.

The Board of county commissioners met Tuesday in accordance to a call of Chairman Cotton, for the purpose of taking necessary action in regard to county bonds.

S. H. Cotton, Esq., was in the chair, and Messrs. Gainey and McFarland were present.

The several resolutions by the committee to refund the county debt were adopted and ordered recorded on the minutes.

The route for the sewer was discussed and plans produced and route, down Russell, through Dick, across Person and down Cool Spring street, to empty in the creek below Pemberton's mill, as recommended by the Sewerage Committee, was chosen, with details to be left with a committee.

S. H. Cotton and N. A. Sinclair were appointed a committee to draw plans and specifications for the construction of the sewer and to contract for the same.

The following resolution was passed:

Whereas, It is necessary for the Commissioners of Cumberland County to raise the necessary amount of funds to pay the coupons which will fall due upon the County Railroad Bonds on June 1, 1897, and the commissions and expenses incurred in refunding said bonds under act of Assembly ratified March 3, '97, it is

Resolved, That the Funding Committee heretofore appointed under authority of said act, to wit: A. H. Slocomb, R. P. Buxton, W. L. Holt and J. A. McFarland, together with S. H. Cotton, Chairman, be requested and fully authorized and empowed to negotiage the loan of the necessary amount to meet said expenses, not to exceed $6,000, and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is hereby instructed and empowered to sign for the Board, such note or notes as he may deem proper to secure said loan.

At 3 p. m. the commissioners adjourned.

Charged With Being a Poisoner.

Sam Evans was tried Saturday on a charge of burglarizing Betsy Young's house and was committed to jail to await trial at the next term of the Superior Court. It will be remembered that only a few weeks ago Betsy Young was arrested and bound over to court, charged with the burglary of Sam Evans's house, this same Evans who is now charged with a like offence.

From the evidence at both of the trials it leaked out that Evans and Betsy Young were lovers, and that they had had a quarrel, the result of which is, that each charges the other with burglary, and both are now in jail.

Some of the witnesses we t so far as to hint that Evans had poisoned Isaac Young, the husband of Betsy Young, in order that he might marry the widow. One of the witnesses named the man who bought the poison, just before Young died, two years ago, a prominent white man, now in another State.

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Fayetteville Military Academy Commencement

To-day (Thursday) afternoon, at 5:30 o'clock, the commencement exercises of the Fayetteville Military Academy will be ushered in with a competitive cadet drill on the parade ground, embracing manual of arms and field exercises, with the presentation of medal for proficiency.

At the Opera House on Friday morning, at 10:30 o'clock, the morning session of the literary and scholastic exercises will begin, conferring essays, selections in elocution, &c., with delivery of medals.

In the evening, 8:30 o'clock, there will be debate, declamation, address by Rev. T. N. Ivey, Greensboro, presentation of medal and conferring of distinction.

The public are cordially invited.

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Meeting of Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular monthly session Monday, Mayor Cook presiding and all the members present except the two aldermen from the 2nd, Messrs. Taylor and Holland.

Mr. H. O. Sedberry offered his bond as City Treasurer, $10,000, and it was accepted.

The sanctificationists petitioned the aldermen for the use of the flour warehouse during the summer to hold services in. After some slight discussion the petition was unanimously laid on the table.

Alderman Johnson, of the 7th, moved that the cow ordinance be strictly enforced, and that cows even when watched, be prohibited from grazing inside the corporate limits.

The Mayor was instructed to issue such orders, and if they were not complied with, the cows would be placed in the pound and the owners fined $1.

Mr. T. J. Powers tendered his resignation as health officer and Mr. H. S. Overby was elected in his stead.

The following salaries were agreed upon: Mayor, $300 a year; Chief of Police, $50 a month, Assistant Chief, $500 a year; up-town Police, $40 a month; Treasurer, $225 a year; Clerk to the Board of Aldermen, $10 a month.

It was decided to place a yearly tax of $10 a year on all auctioneers.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

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Assignment upon Assignment.

At 10:30 o'clock Tuesday the assignment of Hollingsworth & Holland and R. M. Nimocks, was recorded at the court house. Mr. B. G. Hollingsworth is named as the assignee. The title reads:

"An Indenture by and between J. G. Hollingsworth and R. L. Holland, trading as Hollingsworth & Holland and R. M. Nimocks, assignee of Hollingsworth & Holland and R. M. Nimocks, trustee of Hollingsworth & Holland on the first part and B. G. Hollingsworth on the other."

This novel assignment was brought about by the failure of R. M. Nimocks in whose name goods to replenish the stock of Hollingsworth and Holland were purchased. There are no preferred creditors, and the instrument is simply a statement that the parties have assigned to B. G. Hollingsworth, with a provision as to the homestead.

How the creditors are to be treated, the old creditors and the assignee's creditors, is a question for the lawyers to decide.

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LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Fayetteville, N. C., Post Office May 24, 1897—Unclaimed

A—John Atkins, Large Adams.
B—Mittie Banette, Mrs. Nancy Bowman, Sallie Brock, Graham Blackman.
C—D. J. Culbreth, Mrs. Nancy Carr.
D—Mrs. M. J. Davis, Froneh Davis.
E—Mary Kato Elliott.
G—Miss Annie B Gillis.
H—W. R. Holt, Miss Molly Holder, Clarence Holmes, Miss Ellen Hoot, Miss Augusta Haise.
J—Mary M Jackson, Sam Jackson.
K—Miss Sarah J. King.
M—Miss Lizzie Murcichan, John Maxton, Sarah Murphy.
Mc—Louisa McKellar, Charlie Mc Canhan, Frank J. McNeire.
S—E. H. Snyder, M. R. Smith, Martha A. Smith.
P—S. M. Pears.
W—Marrie Williams, Alfred Williams, Joseph Wheeler, Samuel W. Westbrook.

Letters returned from Dead Letter Office:

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Death loves a shining mark, and that truth was verified when it entered the home of Mr. Jeff Robinson and took from it Mr. Roby aged 20 years. He had been in our midst since childhood and has won the love and respect of all who knew him.

Resolved, 1st. Yet while we bow in humble submission to our Father's will, while we can not understand why our Father saw best to take our young friend just as he was entering manhood, yet we feel we shall know here after.

Resolved, 2nd. That we will cherish his memory and truly hope that every boy and girl of our community that are out of Christ may emulate his example and remember their Creator in the days of their youth.

MISS EDITH HOLMES
MRS M. A. TILLER.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 24, 1897.

Resolution of sympathy passed by the Philomathean Literary Society, of the Fayetteville Military Academy:

Whereas, We have heard with deep sorrow of the sudden death of Mrs I. A. Sugg, the mother of our esteemed friend and fellow member, I. A. Sugg, Jr.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our friend, and take this method of expressing our condolence to him in this hour of his deep sorrow, and of extending any assistance in our power.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our Society, and a copy be sent to the family, the Greenville Reflector, and the Fayetteville OBSERVER.

Our friend was highly beloved and esteemed by us all, and now we mourn his absence, and pray the blessing of God upon him, in this, his deepest affliction.

W. S. DREWRY,
W. H. DAIL, JR.,
F. J. DAWSON,
T. M. GREEN,
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M. W. NASH, } Com.

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Commencement at Raeford Institute.

SEVENTY-FIRST, May 26, 1897.

Once more your correspondent finds it a pleasant duty to write of commencement at Raeford Institute, a school of which western Cumberland and upper Robeson are justly proud, and whose second year has just ended in a blaze of glory, reflecting honor upon the excellent faculty and credit upon the bright boys and girls who constitute its personnel.

On Friday, May 21st, the weather was as perfect as only a May-day can be and crowds of people gathered at the Institute to witness its closing exercises. The first number on the programme was a *battle*, brilliantly rendered by Mrs. Murdock McLauchlin and Miss Fannie Dixon, whose battle field was the piano, so that the sounds of carnage and conflict, the war of artillery, musketry and crack of rifles struck little terror to the hearts of the audience. This was but a precursor of what was to follow—a very fitting one it was, too—but it was evident that there was small fear of the next *Battle*, for pleasure, interest and smiling anticipation shone on the faces turned toward the stage when Prof. W. P. M. Currie arose and in choice, cordial words introduced the orator of the day—his former instructor—Hon. Kemp P. Battle, LL. D., of the University of North Carolina. After pleasantly acknowledging the introduction and paying a very high tribute to Prof. Currie, Dr. Battle proceeded with his address, to which he gave no set subject, averring that he feared a criticism similar to that incurred by a certain minister, of whom it was said that if his text had had small-pox his sermon would never have caught it! But Dr. Battle talked about Education along general lines. He showed first that it is not education to stuff a boy or girl with an accumulation of all the facts that can be gotten together; to be educated is to have each faculty thoroughly trained. He proved conclusively the necessity for education in every department of activity—the farm, the arena of law, medicine, etc. The "sweet girl graduate," who can write so fluently on such subjects as love music, and the like, comes home with her diploma, thinking she is *educated*, and yet cannot cook a meal fit to eat, came in for her share of ridicule, among the other improperly trained persons who suffered keenly at the hands of this trenchant critic. Dr. Battle then discussed education in its three-fold character of the body, the mind and the heart. In this portion of his argument, the speaker captured the hearts of the boys by his advocacy of Base Ball and like athletic sports as good education for the body, and also fine training for the mind, in teaching a base man for instance, to think quickly, accurately and at the same time advantageously. One democratic truth which the world is waking up to, was put very forcibly, "Any man who is made at all is a self-made man; the accident of birth amounts to very little, neither does mere education ensure success. Four qualities are essential to and guarantee success in every undertaking, viz: sense, character, pluck and good health." The address as a whole was great in its eminent practicality and abundant common-sense ness, with a delightful vein of genialty running throughout its length and breadth, with illustrations which were at once humorous and pointed. Perhaps its chief mark of greatness was its simplicity; there was not a sentence in it which could not be understood by the little tots of four or five years. It was a right royal *Battle*, and those who formed the line on the other side may be labeled "captured, garrison, munitions and all."

The afternoon was spent in true picnic style, and at night we again assembled in the spacious building for the concert. The stage decorations were quite attractive—graceful bamboo, delicate ferns, emblematic bay leaves and the beautiful, well-executed work of the Art department. It is impossible to go into detail; suffice it to say that the declamations, recitations, music, physical culture drills, etc., were of a high order and well rendered, fully sustaining the first class standard of the Institute. At the close of the programme, the medals were presented by Dr. Battle to the successful contestants as follows: The Declaimer's medal to Mr. Willie Brown McQueen, recitation, Miss Lina Malloy, scholarship, Mr. C. B. Campbell, to Miss Katie McGougan, two—essayist's and penmanship—and then the curtain was rung down, the lights rung out and the second annual Commencement of Raeford institute had passed from a reality into a memory and all turned their steps homeward, with gratitude to Major McLauchlin, Prof. Currie, Miss McIntyre and Miss Coble for the careful work whose results afforded us such delightful entertainment, and renewed friendship for the cultured people of the community whose hospitality is so charming.

SCOTCH LASSIE.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 24, '97.

MR. E. J. HALE, JR.,

Business Manager Observer:

I am not acquainted well enough with the musical composition to express an opinion, but the volume of "Sweet Sacred Songs" issued by the W. B. Conkey Company, contains some of our best and sweetest songs and should be appreciated by lovers of sacred song. It ought to have a place upon every piano and organ in our homes. Our homes ought to have more sacred singing to help the devotional side of home and individual life. This volume will help along this line.

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The Latest Attempt at Federation in Australasia.

New York Sun.)

An Australasian Federal Convention in which Tasmania as well as New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and West Australia is represented, has been for some time in session at Adelaide. The main lines of a confederation have been formulated, and committees have been appointed to prepare the final draft of a Federal Constitution for admission to the several colonies. This is the nearest approach yet made to a union of Australasia, but the end in view seems still distant, for neither Queensland nor New Zealand has taken part in the convention, and it is by no means certain that Victoria and West Australia will ratify the scheme proposed.

Up to a comparatively recent period the tendency in Australia was toward subdivision rather than consolidation. As Sir Julius Vogel pointed out in the last No. of the Nineteenth Century, there are thousands of people living who can recollect the wild rejoicing in Victoria when that colony was carved out of New South Wales; and there was an equally impressive manifestation of delight when Queensland was set off from the last-named colony. There is at this moment a strenuous agitation for the sepatation of south Queensland, which is a sheep-raising country, from north Queensland, which, lying as it does nearer the equator, is well suited to the cultivation of the sugar cane and other subtropical products.

The first impulse toward the union of Australasia came from the mother country, and for some time made but little headway. Some ten years ago an act of the British Parliament was passed empowering the several Australian colonies to be represented in a federal council endowed with authority to make laws applicable to all the colonies represented. This act, however, was simply permissive, and both New South Wales and New Zealand declined to take advantage of it. We should note, indeed, that the late Admiral Tryon succeeded in bringing the Australasian colonies to favor a united contribution to the cost of their common defence, and, although there were sharp differences of opinion as to how the aim should be fulfilled, a scheme was eventually hit upon at a conference which, on being referred to the colonies, was approved. This arrangement, however, was in no sense a confederation, but merely a coalition of independent States for a single purpose.

It was about four years ago that Sir Henry Parkes, the veteran statesman of New South Wales, revived the question of federation, and advocated with such energy a union similar to that exemplified in the Dominion of Canada that his views were accepted by many of the colonies, and the present Federal Convention is the result. Precisely what kind of a federal organic law will be proposed we cannot tell until the reports of the various committees have been read and adopted, and the final draft of the instrument has been published. We know from the experience of our Philadelphia Convention that the plan ultimately sanctioned may differ in many vital particulars from the resolutions passed at any earlier stage of the session. Still it is interesting to note what the resolutions are. They begin, we observe, with a precaution in favor of State rights by providing that the powers, privileges, and territory of the several colonies shall remain intact. This general affirmation, however, is presently qualified by a declaration that the exclusive power of imposing and collecting customs and excise duties, together with the exclusive control of military and naval affairs, shall be vested in the Federal Parliament, which is to consist of a Senate and House of Representatives. In giving the central authority exclusive power over excise duties the resolutions encroach much further upon the rights of the component States than does our own Constitution. The Australasian executive is to consist of a Governor General appointed by the Queen, but as to whether he is to govern through Ministers responsible to the House of Representatives, as in the case of the Dominion of Canada, we have not yet learned. There is to be, also, a Federal Supreme Court, which differs from our own, nevertheless, in that, besides having cognizance of federal and interstate business and questions involving the construction of the Constitution, it is to serve as a high court of appeal from the colonial courts in all matters. We remark, finally, that trade intercourse between the several colonies is to be absolute'y free.

The last-named provision seems to be an indispensable condition of any federation worthy of the name, yet it is certain to meet with violent opposition from Victoria, whose revenue to a considerable extent depends on duties levied on imports from her sister colonies.

Indigestion is often taken for consumption. The word consumption means wasting away, and dyspeptics often waste away as badly as consumptives.

The reason people waste away is because either they don't get enough to eat, or they don't digest what they do eat.

If the latter is your trouble, take Shaker Digestive Cordial. This will help you to digest your food and stop your loss of flesh.

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AND ITS CURE

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For The Editorial and ... this Paper Guarantees it.

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100 lbs,	5 pound tickets 75 cts cash.				
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"	20 "	55 "	15 lbs	12c	
"	25 "	50 "	20 lbs	15c	
"	50 "	45 "	25 lbs	20c	
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Delivery wagon will run from 6 to 12 A. M.

May 3rd.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Commencement at Raeford Institute.

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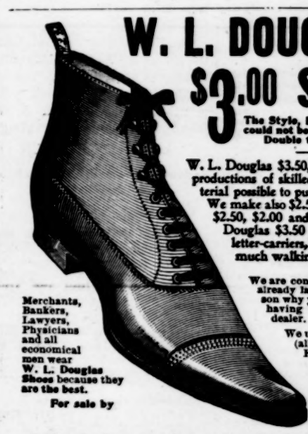

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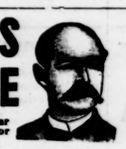

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Middling,	7¼
Good Middling,	7½
Tinges and Stains, Market—firm.	firm

NAVAL STORES.

Spirits,	23½
Common Rosin,	190-1 10
Virgin,	2 10
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PRODUCE

Extra Flour—sack,	$200@ 230
Family Flour—sack,	3 00@ 325
Hides—dry—per lb.	5@8
" —green—per lb.	@3½
Wool—washed	6@20
Bacon—hog round per lb—	6@6½
" —ham	10½@12
" —sides	7½@8
" —shoulders	5½@6
Oats—32 lbs per bushel	35@45
Peas—clay	55@60
" —mixed	65
Meal—bolted—44 lbs per bushel	45@55
Meal—unbolted—48 lbs per bushel	50@50
Corn—old—56 lbs per bushel	50
Onions—select—per bushel	60@60
Lard—N. C.	7½
Tallow	2½@4
Ducks	15@18
Hens—per head	25
Spring chickens	10 a 18
Roosters—per head	15 a 20
Turkeys—per lb	8½ a 9
Guineas	15
Geese	25 a 30
Butter—choice yellow	12 a 15
Honey—strained—per lb	9 a 10
" —comb—per lb	8 a 10
Eggs—hen—	10
Feathers—new	35 a 40

Pork quite plentiful on our market 4½a5

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Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of W. C. McDuffie, Jr., deceased, all persons holding claims against the deceased are notified to present them for settlement, and all who are indebted to the same will please make immediate payment.

May 20, 1897.

W. C. McDUFFIE,
Executor.

Beaver Creek and Bluff Mills,

H. W. Lilly, President,

OFFICE FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.,

Manufacturers of "Lake George" AA 44 Sheeting, Cotton Yarn,

Annual Meeting.

The regular Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Hope Mills, on Thursday, June 10th, 1897, at 2 o'clock P. M.

W. C. HOUSTON, JR., President.

NOTICE.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned Committee for constructing a Sewer for Cumberland County from the Court House and Jail property down Russell street to Cool Spring street; thence down Cool Spring street to Cross Creek below Pemberton's Mill, as per specifications which can be seen on file in the office of the Register of Deeds. Every bid must be accompanied by a bond in the sum of $400.00 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract if awarded to the bidder, and the Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

All bids will be opened at the Office of the Commissioners of Cumberland County at the Court House, at 12 o'clock, M., on Monday, May 31st, 1897.

S. H. COTTON.
N. A. SINCLAIR.
Committee.

May 25th, 1897.

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Bondholders Notice.

Holders of bonds of the County of Cumberland, issued under the act of 1874 75, known as rail-road bonds, are hereby notified to present the same for payment at the Bank of Fayetteville on and after June 1, 1897. All interest will cease after that date.

A. H. SLOCOMB,
Chairman Sinking Fund Commission.

May 15, 1897.

Posted Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the land and pond known as "Ecclesford" (better known as McNeill's Pond) is posted; any one fishing or hunting on, or on said property will be prosecuted to the extent of the law.

The above is recorded in Book R, No. 5, Page 203.

C. B. LEDBETTER.

5-8-97

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The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

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They are beauties. Call and see them. Sold on Instalment plan or for cash.

HUSKE HARDWARE HOUE.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

BANK OF FAYETTEVILLE,

At Fayetteville, N. C., in the County of Cumberland, at the close of business on the 14th day of May, 1897.

RESOURCES:

Loans on Real Estate,	$ 55,000 00
All other loans and discounts,	218,301 78
Overdrafts,	462 86
United States Bonds (par value),	10,000 00
All Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages,	2,575 41
Premium on Bonds,	1,587 50
Due from Banks,	20,358 05
Banking House,	6,000 00
Furniture and fixtures,	2,100 00
All other real estate owned.	11,688 47
Current Expenses and Taxes paid,	2,181 44
Cash items,	1,190 72
Gold Coin,	17,322 50
Silver Coin,	11,177 00
Fractional,	1,874 30
National Bank notes,	6,641 00
U. S. Notes,	7,000 00
Total,	$375 461 03

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in,	$ 226,000 00
Undivided profits,	7,176 71
Deposits subject to check,	138,012 85
Due to Banks,	4,061 47
Cashier's Checks outstanding,	210 00
Total	$375,461 03

I, J. C. Haigh, Cashier of The Bank of Fayetville, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. C. HAIGH, Cashier.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, }

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of May, 1897.

H. J. MARSH,
Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
H. W. LILLY,
A. A. MCKETHAN,
T. M. HUNTER, } Directors.

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The County Commissioners and Newerage.

The County Commissioners met in special session Thursday morning to consider the sewerage matter.

The question was thoroughly discussed, and a survey and profile of the proposed route (down Russell, through Dick, across Person and down Smith's Lane) was ordered to be made, with a view to letting out the contract for construction. Chairman Cotton stated that he thought the cost should be in the neighborhood of $600.

We are indebted to Rev. Robt. P. Pell, president of the Presbyterian College for Women at Columbia, for a handsomely engraved invitation to the College Commencement, to be held Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, May 30th, 31st and June 1st.

Rev. H. T. Graham of this city, was appointed at Charlotte Friday, a member of the standing committee on Home Missions of the Southern Presbyterian Assembly. This is an important committee and is a deserved compliment to the young divine.

Jumped from a Train and is Dead.

Last week Mr. Robey Robeson, son of Mr. Jeff. Robeson, in jumping from a train near Goldsboro was severely injured. He was taken to his father's house at Bluff, this county, where he died Thursday.

Returned after 30 Years Absence.

Mr. S. P. Sedberry, a prosperous citizen of Forest, Mississippi, arrived here yesterday on a visit to his brothers, Messrs. B. E. and H. O. Sedberry.

This is his first visit to Fayetteville in thirty years. He was a prominent member of the F. I. L. I. before the war.

Celebrating the 20th.

Col. J. B. Starr, Col. A. B. Williams, and Messrs. J. C. Haigh and S. W. Tillinghast celebrated the 20th of May at Cottonade, the guests of Mr. R. L. Williams.

Oscar and the District Attorneyship.

Oscar Spears is still chasing that district attorneyship and if rumor is true he is pretty certain to secure it. The grand old partisan will be grander than ever then. Oscar is in Washington again.

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Catalogue free—Agents everywhere

Rev. Mr. Bradshaw Sick.

The Rev. Micheal Bradshaw has sent word that owing to his being sick he would be unable to preach the sermon at the Methodist Sunday-school anniversary celebration tomorrow afternoon.

Death of a Prominent Farmer.

Mr. Henry Jones, a large farmer and merchant of Beaver Dam township, near the Bladen line, died Wednesday in his 65th year. The deceased leaves a widow and four sons.

Mr. Jones was well and favorably known in this city and his death is regretted by all.

JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

Cures Fever In One Day.

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The commencement exercises of Turlington Institute, Smithfield, will be held June 2nd.

Why will you buy bitter nauseating tonic when **GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC** is as pleasant as Lemon Syrup Your druggist is authorized to refund the money in every case where it fails to cure Price, 50 cents.

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Mr. Willis Howe Warmly Endorses Paine's Celery Compound.

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Mr. Willis Howe, the well-known superintendent of the Palmer House, writes the following letter:

Wells, Richardson & Co., Bulington, Vt.—Gentlemen: It is with a feeling of sincere gratitude that I write you this letter. I was seriously sick with fever, and after passing the dangerous stage began taking Paine's celery compound. At this writing I am in excellent health, and in fact never felt better. I attribute this to the use of Paine's celery compound. Hoping others will find that Paine's celery compound will make them as well as it did me, I am most gratefully yours,

WILLIS HOWE.

Chicago, Jan. 14, 1897.

Repeated and astonishing success in making people well has lifted Paine's celery compound to the admiration of the world as the surest and wisest means of invigorating a "rundown," nervous condition of the body.

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As physicians are all the time saying: The pain over the kidneys, headaches and the misery of nervous debility should be met by Paine's celery compound. Its invigorating action is at once felt by the irritated, worn out nerves and brain. It makes new blood. It brings fresh strength and vigor to tired, worn out men, weary women and to sickly children. For those diseases which are the result of weakened nerves, such as dyspepsia, headaches, neuralgia and heart disease, Paine's celery compound is the only logical, permanent cure. It feeds the wasted nerve tissues and regulates their action. It tones up the entire digestive tract and encourages the body to take on flesh and to increase the volume of pure blood in the arteries and veins.

Pneumatic Tires in Germany

The former manager of a big European cycle goods distributing and importing concern writes to an American cycling journal, advising American bicycle manufacturers not to waste time and money in trying to force single-tube tires upon European riders In Europe, tires with removable inner tubes (called double-tube tires), were long ago found to be the only practical, money-saving form of tire In speaking of a journey of inspection throughout Europe, the ex-manager refers to Germany as follows:

* * * In most of the cities I visited, the repairmen had formed small local and anti-single-tube leagues, each man vowing not to mend or repair a hose pipe, however touching the appeal of the unfortunate customer who happened to puncture his tire, and however the remuneration offered. * * * The Germans are great talkers, and even in cities like Hamburg rumors of the single-tube "humbug" have been circulated with amazing rapidity, from the artisan's "withschaft" and the gentlemen's "wein halle," into the clubs, and into the homes of the people.

We will present absolutely free a new 1897 bicycle (either ladies' or gents') in exchange for a favor we wish attended to in Fayetteville, also another for attending to same in adjoining townships. No agency or selling business. We prefer those acquainted with many young people now studying music. For full particulars write, The Columbia Musical Ass'n., 216 218 South Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa

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Hamlet	"	26.25	19.25	14.00
Henderson	"	26.25	19.25	14.00
Lincolnton	"	24 60	18.05	12.75
Lewiston	"	27.00	19.80	14.00
Louisburg	"	24.25	19.25	14 40
Maxton	"	26.25	19.25	14 00
Monroe	"	24.60	18.05	12.75
Pittsboro	"	27 00	9.80	14 25
Raleigh	"	26.25	19.25	14.00
Rutherfordton	"	24 6	18.10	12 75
Sanford	"	26.25	19.25	14 00
Shelby	"	24.60	18.05	12.75
Wadesboro	"	25.95	19.05	13.80
Weldon	"	26.25	19.25	14.00
Wilmington	"	26.25	19.25	14.00

Class A. Tickets sold daily April 28th to October 15th Final limit November 7th.

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H. W. B. GLOVER, T. J. ANDERSON,
Traffic Manager Gen'l Pass'r. Agt.
General Offices—PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Administrators' Notice.

Having this day qualified as administrators upon the estate of the late Kelly Sessoms, notice is hereby given to all creditors to present their claims on or before April 29, 1898, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery Parties indebted to said estate will please pay up without delay.

April 26, 1897

ALEX. SESSOMS,
JEFF. D. SESSOMS,
Administrators of Kelly Sessoms.
C. W. BROADFOOT, Atty

The Fourteenth Annual Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of East Carolina convened in Goldsboro at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, Right Rev. A. A. Watson, Bishop of the Diocese presiding.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Fayetteville, N. C., Post Office—Unclaimed.

A—E. Y. Allen.
B—John M. Bass, Willis Baldwin, Neill Black, Sam Bass, Mrs. G. S. Browne, Stephen Bowden.
C—Miss Nancy Carter, Miss Adaline Curtis, James Calder, James Claybrick
D—Miss Elala Davis.
E—Willis Elliott, G. W. Elliott 2, Mrs. Abby Godwin, Sarah E Gibson, Miss Lizzie Graham.
H—Mrs. Mary Howell, W. A. Henderson.
I—James Ivy.
J—George Jones (colo'd), Miss Lula Jessup, J R Johnson, Miss Millie Johnson.
M—Mrs. C. A. McDuff, Archie McRae, Alfred McKissoon, Mrs. Margaret McCaren, Miss Korrie Mickye, Miss Lucy McClamb.
M—John Mosbin, Mstr August Miller, Miss Joanna Murpny, Fred Moon, Neill Munroe.
P—Martha Price, Miss Lillia Pay.
Q—J. C. Quick.
R—Eva Robinson.
W—Charlotte Wright, Miss Gusta Witherspoon, Miss Maggie Webb, N. R. Williams, Grace Williams, Charles Williams, Mrs. Caria Walker.

Letters received from Dead Letter Office:

Mary J. Williams, Thos. J. Simpson, A. W. Belgood.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised.

W. D. GASTER, Postmaster.

JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

Cures Fever In One Day.

Whitford Free School.

Correspondence of the Observer.

The supporters of this school prefer that it should be called "The Missionary Free School," so it will hereafter be known by that name.

The next term will commence July 19th, and will continue only seven months. So many of the boys have to stop in February to work on the farms it has been thought best to shorten the term one month

During the last term which closed March 12th most of the scholars made very good progress in their studies and did well on examination.

We think those who have attended most regularly are becoming much better prepared for business and usefulness than they could without this opportunity of "free tuition."

Some of the historical articles in the OBSERVER have been especially enjoyed.

EMILY P. NEWTON.

Tutt's Pills are All Liver Ills.

To those living in malarial districts Tutt's Pills are indispensible, they keep the system in perfect order and are **an absolute cure** for sick headache, indigestion, malaria, torpid liver, constipation and all bilious diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

Mortality Among Blacks and Whites.

(Atlanta Constitution.)

One of the most interesting tables furnished by the last regular census of the government is the one which gives the death rate in various parts of the United States, according to racial lines.

As the table shows, among whites the death rate varies from 28 67 in Newark, N. J., to 17.78 in Indianapolis, Ind., the basis of calculation in each case being one thousand inhabitants. Among blacks it varies from 44.49 in Newark to 23 45 in Detroit, showing not only a wider range, but a more frightful rate of mortality than among the whites. The death rate in twenty one of the largest cities of the country is as follows:

Cities.	White.	Colored.
New York	28.47	37.41
Chicago	21.03	23.30
Philadelphia	22.28	32.42
Brooklyn	25.41	34.99
St. Louis	18 15	34 55
Boston	24.62	33 29
Baltimore	22.61	36.41
San Francisco	23.57	24.06
Cincinnati	21.93	33 04
Cleveland	21.83	31 63
Buffalo	19.83	34.22
New Orleans	25.41	36.61
Pittsburg	21.56	29 16
Washington	19.79	38.22
Detroit	20.36	23 45
Newark	28.67	44.49
Jersey City	27.48	29 50
Louisville	19.61	31.98
Providence	21.97	34 81
Indianapolis	17.78	30 04
Allegheny	20.06	24 13

From the above table it appears that the death rate among blacks is equally as great in the north as it is in the south and that whatever the cause of the wide difference in mortality between blacks and whites may be it is at least universal. Some one has ventured to suggest that the negro race in America is gradually disappearing and whether or not the statement is true, it is apparently supported by the foregoing figures.

A Song in Time.

(F. L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.)

Fishin' time,
Wishin' time—
Time to roll over
In shadows
Of meadows—
On carpets of clover

Merry time,
Berry time—
Soon we'll be sippin'
The sunny
Made honey
Of melon juice drippin'!

Dream time
And gleam time,
And time in good meter;
Dove time
And love time,
And life growin' sweeter

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Henry Love, in prison in Winston, confesses to a murder in Atlanta on Christmas, 1895 ——The race purses for the state fair amount to $2,000.—— The Cuban question was discussed by the cabinet yesterday; the president's proposed policy has not been disclosed; he wants delay until Mr. Calhoun is heard from. ——The Florida house adopts the articles of impeachment against the state treasurer. ——There was an exciting debate in the Spanish senate yesterday over the passage of the Morgan resolution by our senate; Duke Tetuan boxed the ears of a liberal senator and resigned his portfolio in consequence. ——At 1 o'clock this morning the Duke of Tetuan and Senator Comas have chosen seconds for a duel.

A Song of May

(Atlanta Constitution.)

Back of the gloom—
The bloom!
Back of the strife—
Sweet life,
And flowering meadows
That glow and gleam,
Where the winds sing joy
And the daisies dream;
And the sunbeams color
The quickening clod,
And faith in the future,
And trust in God,—
Back of the gloom—
The bloom!

Fronting the night—
The light!
Under the snows—
The rose!
And the valleys sing
To the misty hills,
And the wild winds ripple it
Down the rills;
And the far stars answer
The song that swells
With all the music
Of all the bells;
Fronting the night—
The light!

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Arrive Fayetteville,	11:10 "
Leave Fayetteville,	11:20 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction,	11:37 "
Leave Sanford,	1:06 p m
Leave Climax,	2:55 "
Arrive Greensboro,	3:25 "
Leave Greensboro,	3:35 "
Leave Stokesdale,	4:22 "
Leave Walnut Cove,	4:55 "
Leave Rural Hall,	5:31 "
Arrive Mt. Airy,	6:56 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1, Daily
Leave Mt. Airy,	8:40 a m
Leave Rural Hall,	10:06 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10:32 "
Leave Stokesdale,	11:07 "
Arrive Greensboro,	11:55 "
Leave Greensboro,	12:15 p m
Leave Climax,	12:45 "
†Leave Sanford,	2:40 "
Arrive Fayetteville Junction,	3:52 "
Arrive Fayetteville,	3:58 "
Leave Fayetteville,	4:22 "
Arrive Wilmington	7:30 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4, Daily
Leave Bennettsville,	6:10 a m
Arrive Maxton,	9:23 "
Leave Maxton,	9:30 "
Leave Red Springs,	9:20 "
Leave Hope Mills,	10:04 "
Arrive Fayetteville,	10:52 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3, Daily
Leave Fayetteville,	4:25 p m
Leave Hope Mills,	4:46 "
Leave Red Springs,	5:33 "
Arrive Maxton,	6:10 "
Leave Maxton,	6:18 "
Arrive Bennettsville,	7:30 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 Mixed, Daily Except Sunday
Leave Ramseur,	6:45 a m
Leave Climax,	8:35 "
Arrive Greensboro,	9:20 "
Leave Greensboro,	9:25 "
Leave Stokesdale,	11:07 "
Arrive Madison,	11:56 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15, Mixed, Daily Except Sunday.
Leave Madison,	12:30 p m
Leave Stokesdale,	1:26 "
Arrive Greensboro,	2:40 "
Leave Greensboro,	3:25 "
Leave Climax,	4:20 "
Arrive Ramseur,	6:05 "

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Leave Tarboro 12:12 a m
Leave Rocky Mount 1:00 p m, 10:39 p m, 5:40 a m, 12:45 p m
Leave Wilson 2:05 p m, 11:18 p m, 6:5 a m, 2:12 p m
Leave Selma 2:58 p m
Leave Fayetteville 4:15 p m, 1:07 a m
Arrive Florence 6:55 p m, 3: 4 a m.
Leave Goldsboro 3:10 p m, 7:00 a m.
Leave Magnolia 4:16 p m, 8:03 a m
Arrive Wilmington 7:45 p m, 9:30 a m.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Leave Florence, 8:45 a m, 8:35 p m.
Leave Fayetteville, 11:20 a m, 10:20 p m.
Leave Selma, 1:00 a m.
Arrive Wilson, 1:42 a m, 12:10 p m
Leave Wilmington, 9:33 a m, 7:15 p m.
Leave Magnolia, 10:39 a m, 8:53 p m.
Leave Goldsboro, 12:01 a m, 10:10 p m.
Leave Wilson, 1:42 p m, 12:15 p m, 10:22 p m, 12:42 p m.
Arrive Rocky Mount, 2:33 p m, 12:53 p m, 11:5. p m, 1:20 p m.
Leave Tarboro, 12:12 p m.
Leave Rocky Mount, 2:33 p m, 12:53 a m.
Arrive Weldon, 3:39 p m, 1:44 a m.

Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 4:10 P M, Halifax 4:28 P M, arrives Scotland Neck at 5:20 P M. Greenville 6:57 P M., Kinston 7:55 P M. Returning leaves Kinston 17:20 A M., Greenville 8:22 A M. Arriving Halifax at 11:00 A M, Weldon 11:3 A M, daily except Sunday

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Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 6:30 P M, arrives Nashville 5:45 P M. Returning leaves Spring Hope 5:30 P M. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8:0 A M, Nashville 8:35 A M, arrives Rocky Mount 9:0 A M, daily, except Sunday.

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